Establishment of Railway Division at Gulbarga

1288. SHRI K.B. SHANAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to establish a new railway division at Gulbarga in Karnataka State; and

(b) if so, by when the proposed railway division is going to be established?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Gauge conversion in Gujarat

1289. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons why Gujarat is not getting priority in various railway projects;

(b) whether he is aware about slow speed and few projects of gauge conversion in Gujarat;

(c) whether he would take up the work of Bhildi-Samkhyali gauge conversion; and

(d) what is the scope for double container arrangement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir. The projects in Gujarat are being progressed as per the priority and availability of resources.

(b) Under 'Project Unigauge' a number of gauge conversion projects have been taken up and in all, about 1200 kms of lines including main routes have already been converted to broad gauge since April, 1992. The ongoing works are progressing satisfactorily as per the resource availability.

(c) Gauge conversion of Bhildi-Samakhiyali section has already been completed in March, 2006.

(d) Double Stack Container is already operating on Samakhiyali-Bhildi-Palanpur section.

Gauge conversion of Ahmedabad-Udaipur rail line

1290. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total projects in hand for gauge conversion in Gujarat in Western Railway;

(b) the progress on Ahmedabad-Udaipur route gauge conversion; and

(c) by when the Ahmedabad-Udaipur route gauge conversion project would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Gauge conversion of Pratapnagar-Chhota Udepur, Bharuch-Samni-Dahej, Bhildi-Samdari Wansjalia-Jetalsar, Surendranagar-Dhrangadhra, Patan-Mahesana and Sabarmati-Khodiyar sections are progressing.

(b) This work is not sanctioned.

(c) does not arise.

Selling of liquor in trains

†1291. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that in A.C. coaches of Rajdhani, Shatabdi and other trains liquor is made available to the passengers by the contractors on the rates as asked;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many bottles of liquor has been confiscated in a raid in Delhi-Guwahati-New Delhi Rajdhani train;

(c) whether Government have also received complaints in this regard, if so, the details thereof; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.